

Fall Newsletter 2018

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Upcoming Events

Member Meeting #4

November 3, 9:30AM

Fall Schooling Show

November 10

Good Times at HorseFest 2018





Over 1,000 visitors attended HorseFest on September 15. The event delivered lots of fun and joy to children and adults alike as they interacted with horses and enjoyed other festival activities. Pony rides are always the highlight of HorseFest and our resident horses gave 250 rides. The Conservancy worked with My Pony Party Atlanta to make 102 rides available to younger children on adorable, smaller ponies. 352 pony rides!

This year's HorseFest was the most successful financially to date earning \$11,542 to support Little Creek Horse Farm. Sponsorships from Stivers Subaru, Private Bank of Decatur, Wild Birds Unlimited, and Cherokee Feed & Seed and Discover DeKalb brought in \$7,300. Discover DeKalb gave a generous contribution to promote HorseFest.

Local businesses made generous auction donations. Donations were made by Café Alsace, Ace Hardware, Alliance Theater, Atlanta Ballet, Banfield Pet Hospital, Decatur Package Store, First Watch, Horizon Theater, Fox Theater, Horsetown, Leon's Full Service, Marlow's Tavern, Medieval Times, North Decatur Dentistry, Parker's on Ponce, Pea Ridge, Tiff's Treats, and The Stock Market. Our barn community came through with donations from Shepard Exposition Services, Jane Donofrio, Mark's Riding School, Georgia LaMar, LCFC and Susan Stedman. ***Please support the businesses that support Little Creek.***

A deep and heartfelt thank you goes to the many human and horse volunteers who work to make Horsefest a success.



A special thank you to the firefighters from DeKalb County Station #9

for their enthusiastic help with pony rides.

Changes Ahead for Joe Magnusson

After 12 years as barn supervisor at Little Creek, Joe Magnusson will be moving on to another position with DeKalb County. His last day at Little Creek will be November 2nd. On November 8th, he is scheduled for hip replacement surgery. Following his recovery, Joe anticipates starting a new job with the County as a Contract Site Inspector. He will continue to report to Ed Venson and says he will still see us around the barn in his new role. We wish Joe the best with both his surgery and new position.

Meet Joy Lambert, New Barn Supervisor

Please join us in welcoming our new barn supervisor Joy Lambert who started at Little Creek on Monday, October 22. Joy brings many years of diverse equine experience to the job. She has managed barns, been a trainer, is a hunter jumper judge for US Equestrian and is a horse owner.

Joy has a big job ahead of her and is ready to bring her broad experience and skills to Little Creek. We are excited about working with her. So let's give her lots of support and show her what a wonderful and special place we share as we get to know each other.



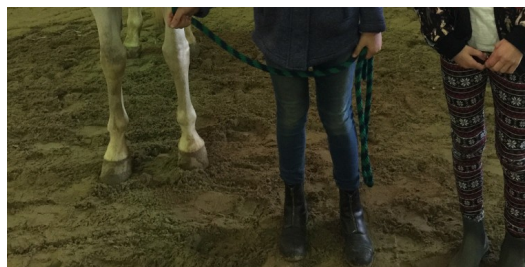


Thank you Commissioner Adams

Commissioner Greg Adams, his wife (pictured with Conservancy members above) and staff visited Little Creek on October 17th and joined Conservancy members for a brief tour and discussion of improvements needed at the park. Commissioner Adams expressed support for the park and appreciation for the unique benefits Little Creek brings to the community. We have learned that the Commissioner has recommended that the Board of Commissioner approve an allocation of just over \$100,000 to support Master Planning and facility upgrades.

More Good Times at Little Creek Photos from the Horse Costume Parade





2018 Fall Schooling Show

Saturday, Nov 10, 2018

Open to all LCF riders; boarders, lessees, students

Registration ends 11/01

Show classes include something for every rider

Trail Class for Stride and non Stride Riders: New this year: this will be a judged event!

Flat Classes: Walk-trot and W/T/C

Over Poles Classes: Timed, at the trot only!

Over Fences Classes

To Register: form.jotform.com/63645524788166

All riders (or a friend or family member) MUST volunteer to help make this happen.

To volunteer: www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e44aaaf2eabf85-1cfc1

Questions? Contact your trainer, Dana McDaniel: atlantariding@yahoo.com or Karen

Maloney: maloneygreewolf@icloud.com.

Mixed Use Trail and Creek Committee

The Mixed Use Trail and Creek Committee has been gathering momentum. Tamara and Bobbi recently attended a Park Pride workshop on How to Build a Sustainable Trail and the Park Pride Inaugural Networking Event for DeKalb County Parks at Sugar Creek Park. On November 17th, Little Creek will host a Park Pride potluck networking event for DeKalb County Parks.

On October 18th, the Committee hosted a meeting of "sister" parks also located on the South Fork of Peachtree Creek and the South Fork Conservancy to discuss how to connect the parks along the creek. Did you know the South Fork of Peachtree Creek stretches over 32 miles?

Watch for announcements for the next trail and creek projects and workdays.

Mirror Update

In the Summer Newsletter, we let you know that based on a survey of boarders and riders, the Conservancy decided to support the installation of arena mirrors by matching dollar for dollar monies raised for this project. The County and Board of Commissioners subsequently gave the necessary approvals for the installation of mirrors.

Ann Genovese has led the charge to find the most cost effective solution and has met with several vendors/installers. Currently, Ann is obtaining an estimate for installing [Weightless Mirrors](#). Weightless Mirrors are about 1/3 of the cost of conventional glass mirrors. The Conservancy has called several Weightless Mirror customer references all of which were satisfactory. We hope that the next time we give you an update the mirrors will be installed!



Safety First: Your Little Creek Safety Committee Report

The Safety Committee started as an initiative of trainers and concerned riders including Tamara Dillard, Pam Smith, Anne Preston, Chris Lobkowitz and others to explore the best safety practices they could include in their work at Little Creek. Working with the Conservancy and our local fire captain Shane Jones, they brought Rebecca Giminez, a safety and TLEAR consultant to evaluate safety at Little Creek. Rebecca's report recognized aspects of Little Creek that are in line with best practices, and generated a prioritized list of things to do to make Little Creek safer. Establishing an ongoing Safety Committee was one of her recommendations and the committee is now working with the County to implement the list while it continues to look at best safety practices.

Here are some highlights:

- The use of extension cords in a barn are a problem as they can spark and cause fires. Look for new policy and procedures about extension cords.
- The County has replaced our 5 pound fire extinguishers with 10 pound units and added signs.
- Parking is now prohibited directly in front of the barn in order to improve emergency and delivery access as well as general vehicular/pedestrian safety.
- New fences and gates are going up around the property. At the same time, undergrowth is

- being cleared and existing fences are being repaired and vines removed.
- The County has moved the hay out of the barn. This was the #1 fire safely recommendation by both Captain Shane and Rebecca Giminez. The hay is being stored in a container until a more permanent solution is created.
 - LCFC bought 2 terra cotta outdoor ashtrays to put at barn entrances along with signs that Little Creek is a NO SMOKING facility. Our consultant pointed out that people who bring cigarettes into no smoking facilities tend to hide them. Since nothing is more dangerous than a cigarette butt stuffed into a bale of hay, we are going to give people a place to put them out.

Look for more safety improvements coming soon. We are all working to keep our horses and humans healthy, happy and safe. The Safety Committee meets monthly. The next meeting is Nov.16, 11:00AM and you are welcome to participate.

From Our Friends at Little Creek

Mark's Riding School

We love seeing Mark back in the saddle every morning. May his recovery from lymphoma continue. One of the new schooling horses, Cooper, the spunky Connemara has taken his place in the lesson program. Unfortunately, Lily, who arrived at the same time as Cooper, has had a rough start at Little Creek. She suffered a kick and a broken jaw several months ago, has undergone several surgeries and has spent most of her first months at Little Creek on stall rest. Fortunately, she is on the mend and has remained calm, gentle and affectionate through all the trauma. What a mare!

Stride Ahead

From Anne Preston.....

Stride Ahead celebrated their wonderful volunteers by hosting a dinner out at Los Bravos on October 7th. About 30 of the best people the world showed up for the fun. These folks are the reason Stride Ahead is able to provide programs that change lives.

Finnegan, our new chunk-a-licious Haflinger cross, is learning the ropes as a Stride Ahead therapy horse. He is a little concerned by the side walkers but is brave about trying just about anything, with good humor.

An unnamed angel donated a hefty amount of high quality fly spray to Stride Ahead: the whole herd thanks you, sweet donor!

Stride Ahead was in a news article at the online site called VoyageATL. Here's the link:

<http://voyageatl.com/interview/meet-anne-preston-stride-ahead-inc-decatur/>

Atlanta Riding Academy

Atlanta Riding has been very busy! In July, a Horsemanship Class for younger ages 8-10

was offered as was a Horsemanship Class for Adults in August. September was busy with pony rides and a jumping demonstration at HorseFest. In October students made a good showing at the HJ Fox Show in Conyers.

- Ketch (Sly Devil) Reserve Champion in TIP cross rails (thoroughbred incentive program) with client Amanda Roberts at her first horse show.
- PJ and student Taylor Irvin 2nd place TIP Derby.
- Ketch and Courtney Anderson 3rd place in TIP Derby.
- Maverick and Lea Cooper ribbon in hunters.

And now, everyone is getting ready: organizing and training for the Fall Schooling Show. Meanwhile, Atlanta Riding is launching a new website that will offer an on-line Unmounted Horsemanship class by the end of the year.

Pony Club

Several Pony Club and Horse Masters members will be taking their next certification tests on November 11th. Then it looks like Pony Club may be taking a break during 2019. Nicole Vella and Beth Von Hoene have let us know that they will be stepping down as our co-leaders. They have done a wonderful job of leading the club over the last year and we are most grateful. If anyone would like to step into a leadership role with Pony Club please let [Nicole](#) or [Beth](#) know.

Of Note

Trainer Susan Stedman's student Amelia Shenstone has been accepted for a six week working student position at Villarejo del Conde, a 200-year-old dressage stud in Castilla la Mancha, Spain.

At least 11 folks from Little Creek made it to Tyrone, NC to attend part of the FEI World Equestrian Games™. Held every four years in the middle of the Olympic cycle, this is one of the biggest events on the global sporting calendar, combining eight equestrian World Championship caliber competitions. What good fortune this world class event was so close! And what fun was had!





Finn's first therapy session.

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Little Creek Conservancy 2018 Calendar of Events

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| Member Meeting #4 | November 3 |
| Last meeting in 2018 | |
| Fall Schooling Show | November 10 |
| Quadrille / Holiday Bazaar | Cancelled for 2018 - Watch for us next year! |



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